

A grayscale satellite image of a hurricane, showing a well-defined eye and spiral cloud bands, serving as the background for the text.

The Surprisingly Quiet 2013 Atlantic Basin Hurricane Season

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Colorado State University Seasonal Forecasts

Forecast Parameter and 1981-2010 Median (in parentheses)	Issue Date 10 April 2013	Issue Date 3 June 2013	Issue Date 2 August 2013
Named Storms (NS) (12.0)	18	18	18
Named Storm Days (NSD) (60.1)	95	95	84.25
Hurricanes (H) (6.5)	9	9	8
Hurricane Days (HD) (21.3)	40	40	35
Major Hurricanes (MH) (2.0)	4	4	3
Major Hurricane Days (MHD) (3.9)	9	9	7
Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) (92)	165	165	142
Net Tropical Cyclone Activity (NTC) (103%)	175	175	150

NOAA Seasonal Forecasts

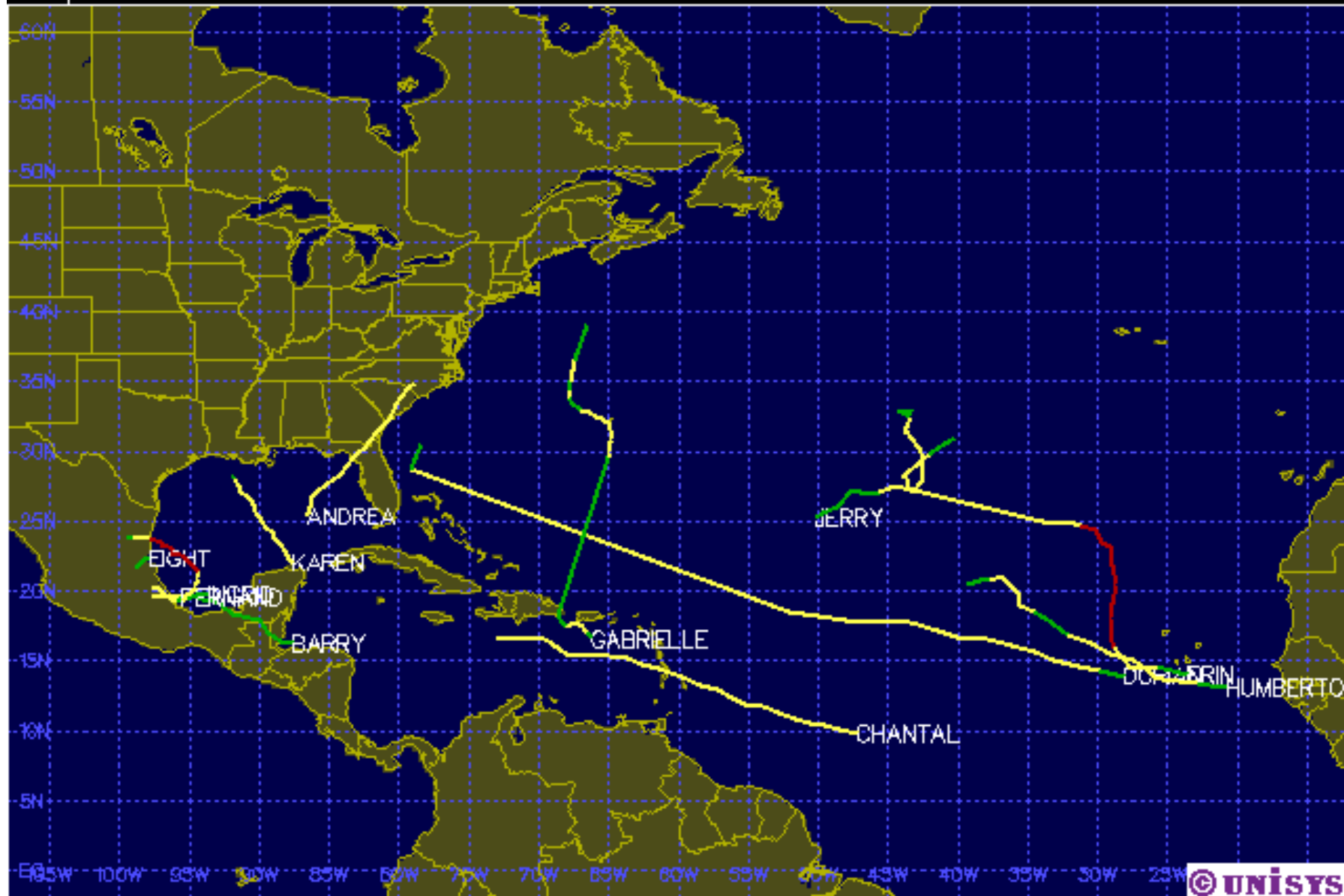
Forecast Parameter and 1981-2010 Median (in parentheses)	Issue Date 23 May 2013	Issue Date 8 August 2013
Named Storms (NS) (12.0)	13-20	13-19
Hurricanes (H) (6.5)	7-11	6-9
Major Hurricanes (MH) (2.0)	3-6	3-5
Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) (92)	110-189	110-175

OBSERVED ATLANTIC HURRICANE ACTIVITY THROUGH OCTOBER 20

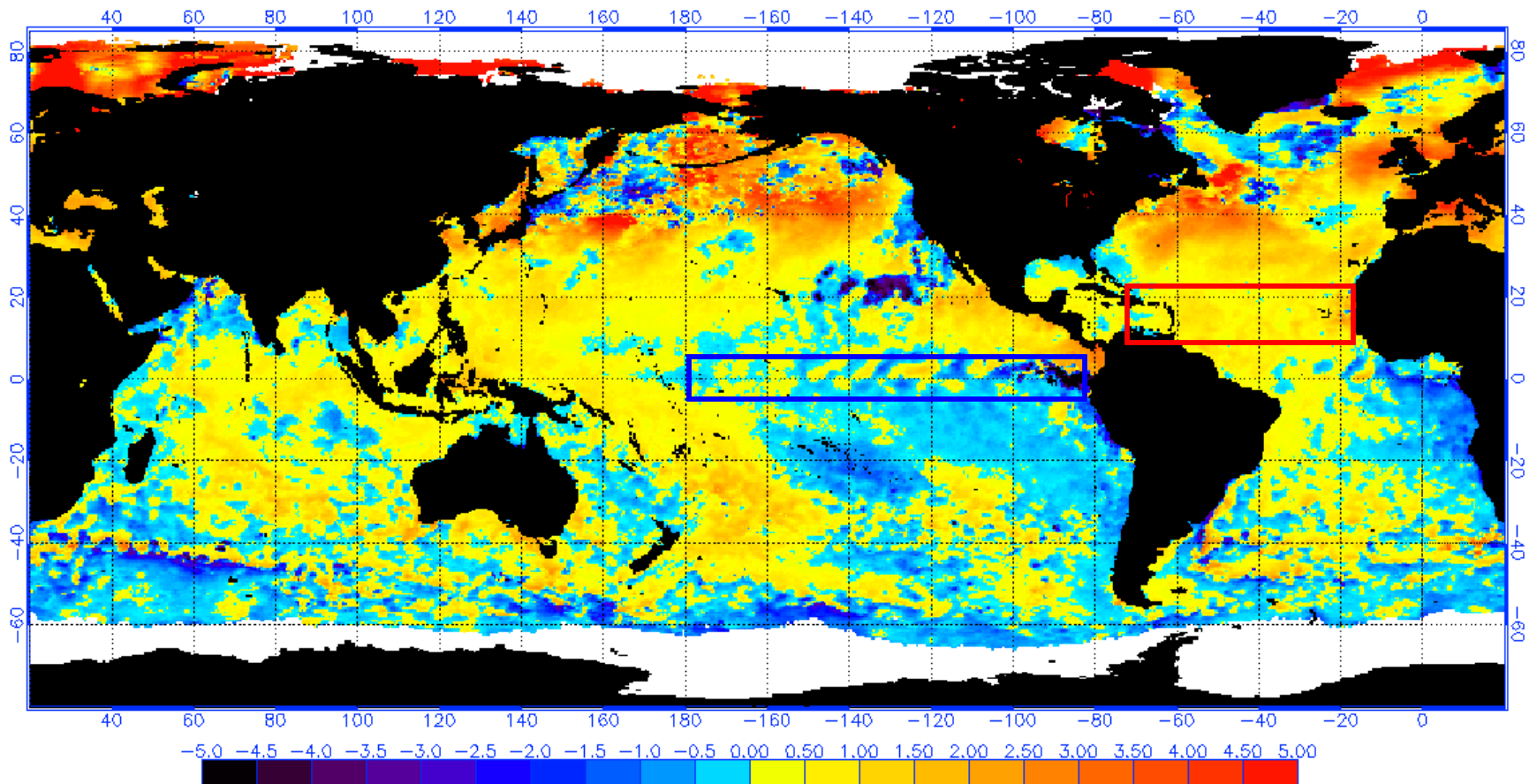
Forecast Parameter (Climatology in Parentheses)	Observed Value
Named Storms (NS) (12.0)	11
Named Storm Days (NSD) (60.1)	32.75
Hurricanes (H) (6.5)	2
Hurricane Days (HD) (21.3)	3.75
Major Hurricanes (MH) (2.0)	0
Major Hurricane Days (MHD) (3.9)	0.00
Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) (92)	28
Net Tropical Cyclone Activity (NTC) (103)	38

Tropical Storm Tracks

Year 2013



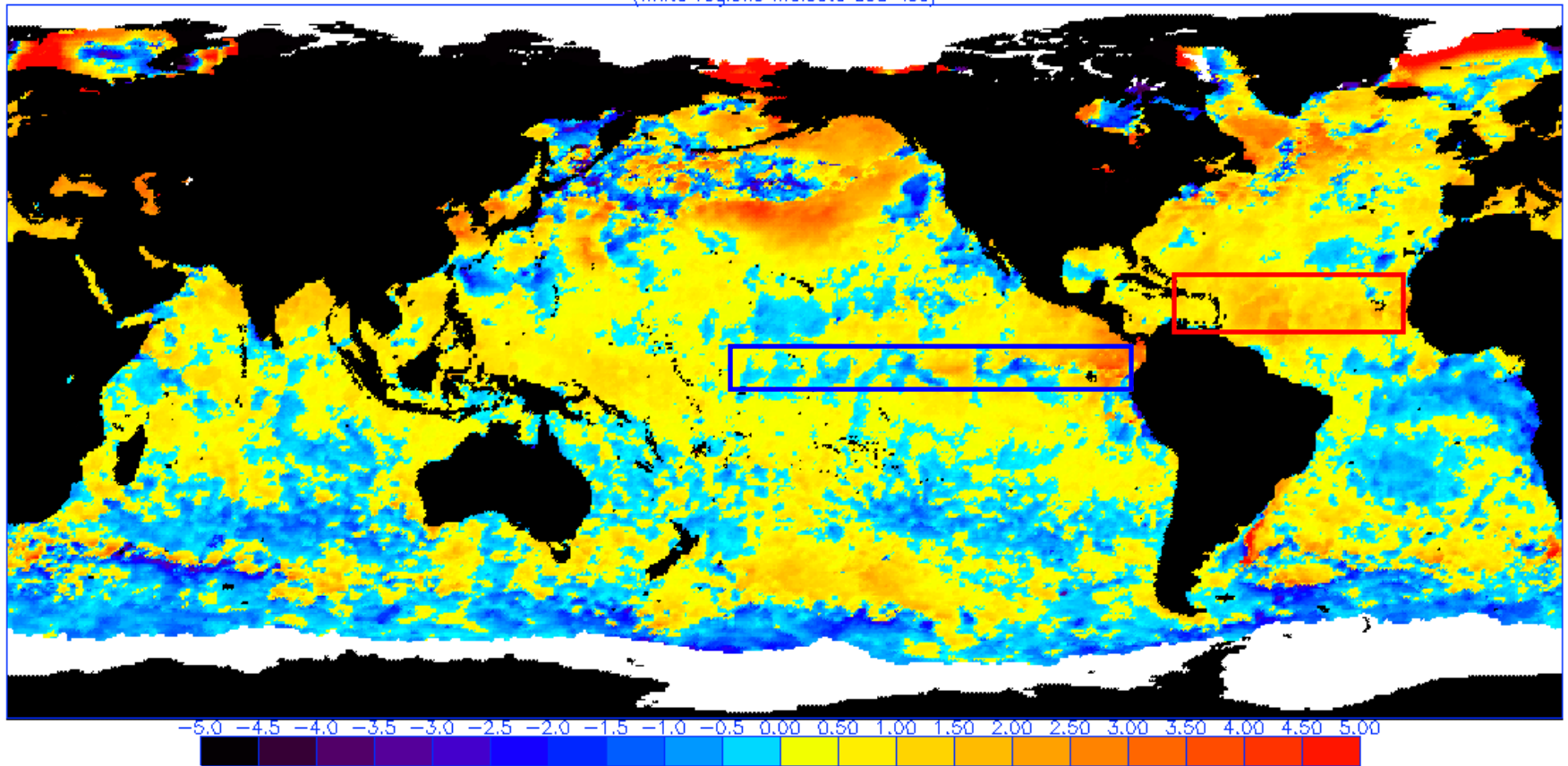
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(white regions indicate sea-ice)



250 ACE

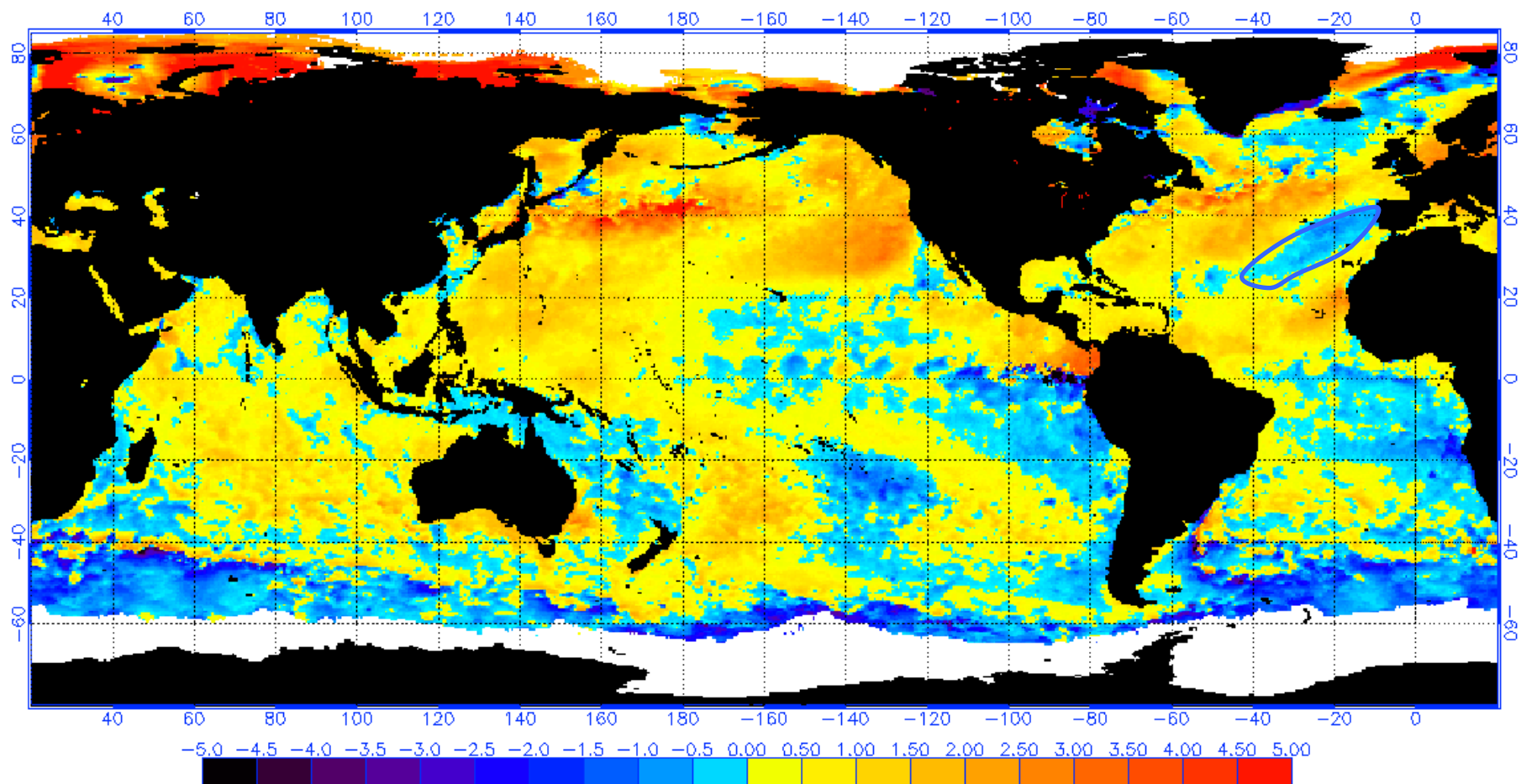
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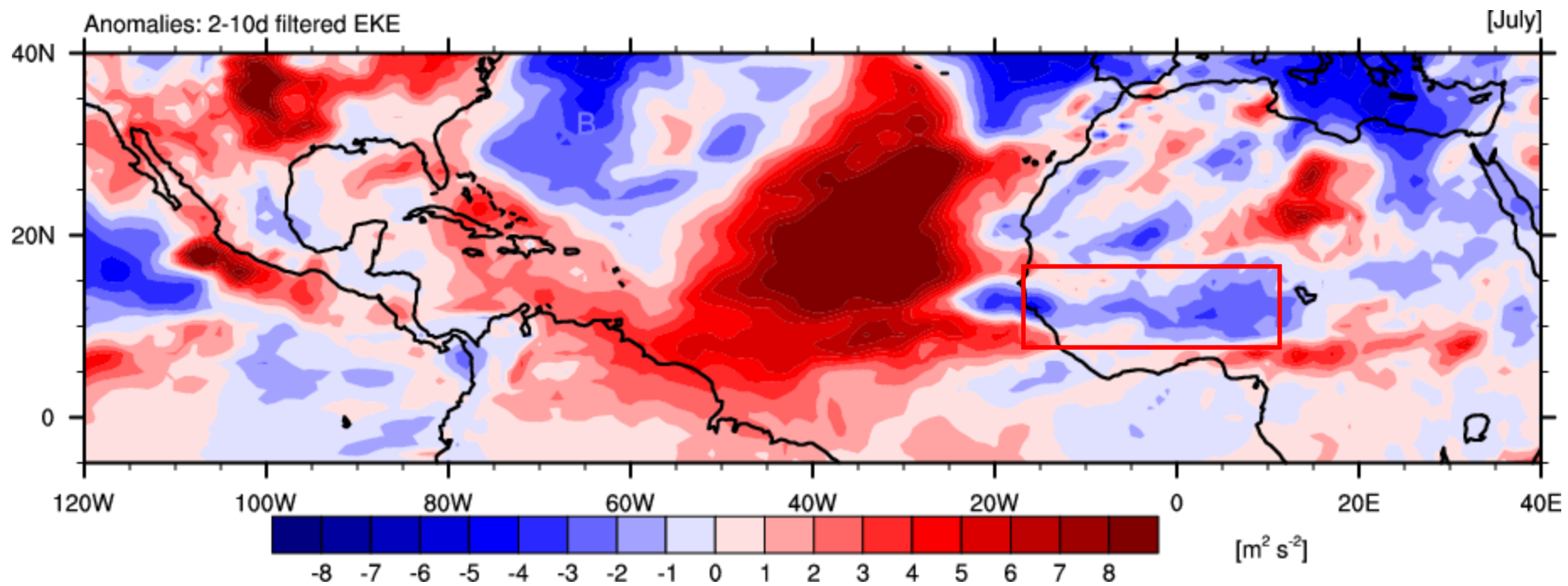
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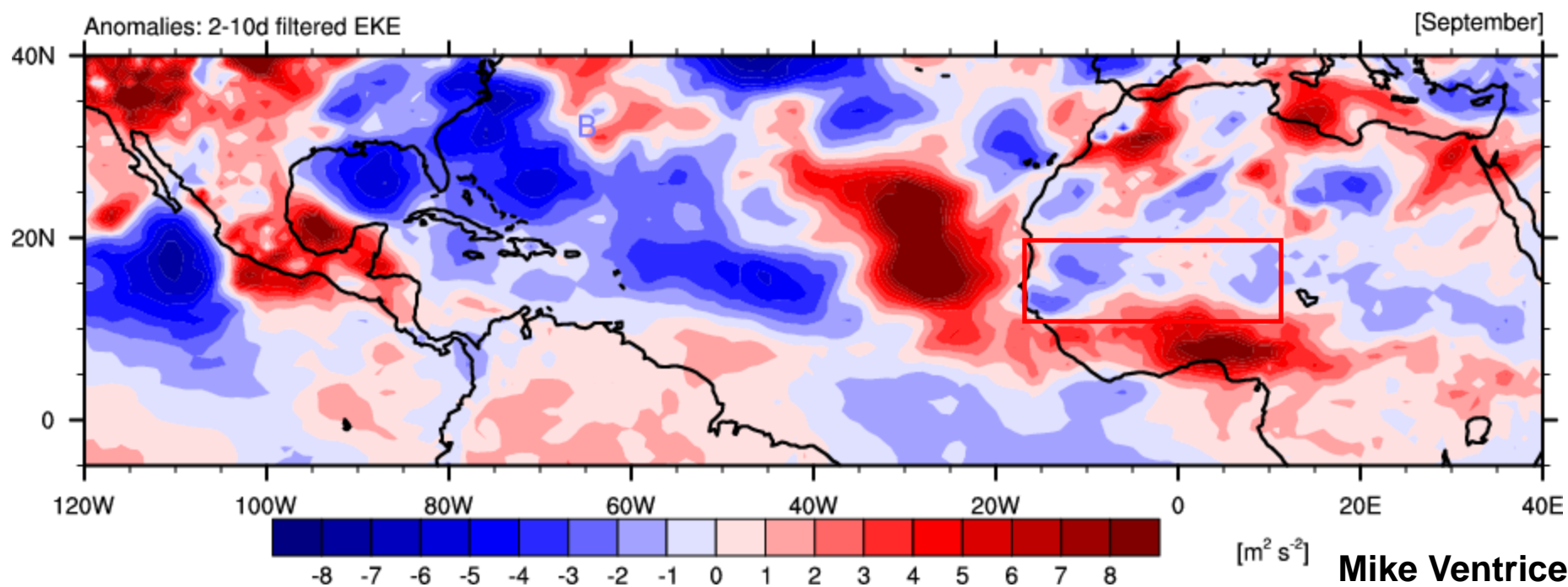
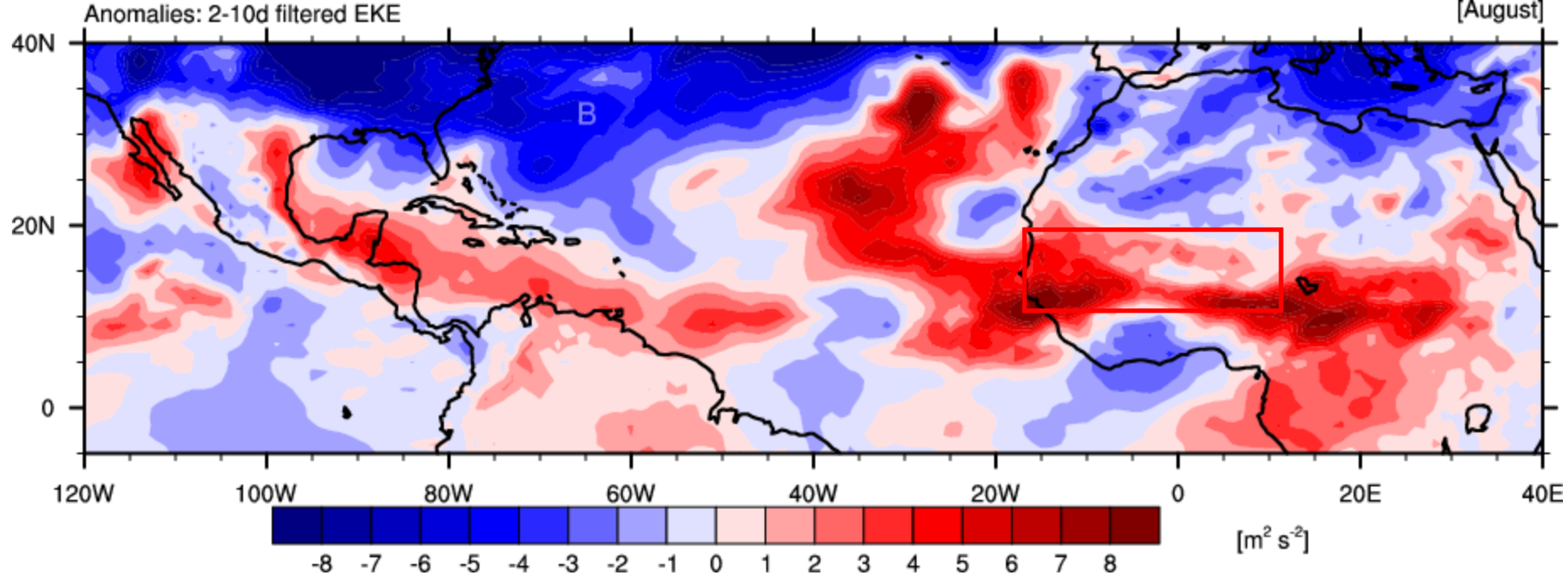
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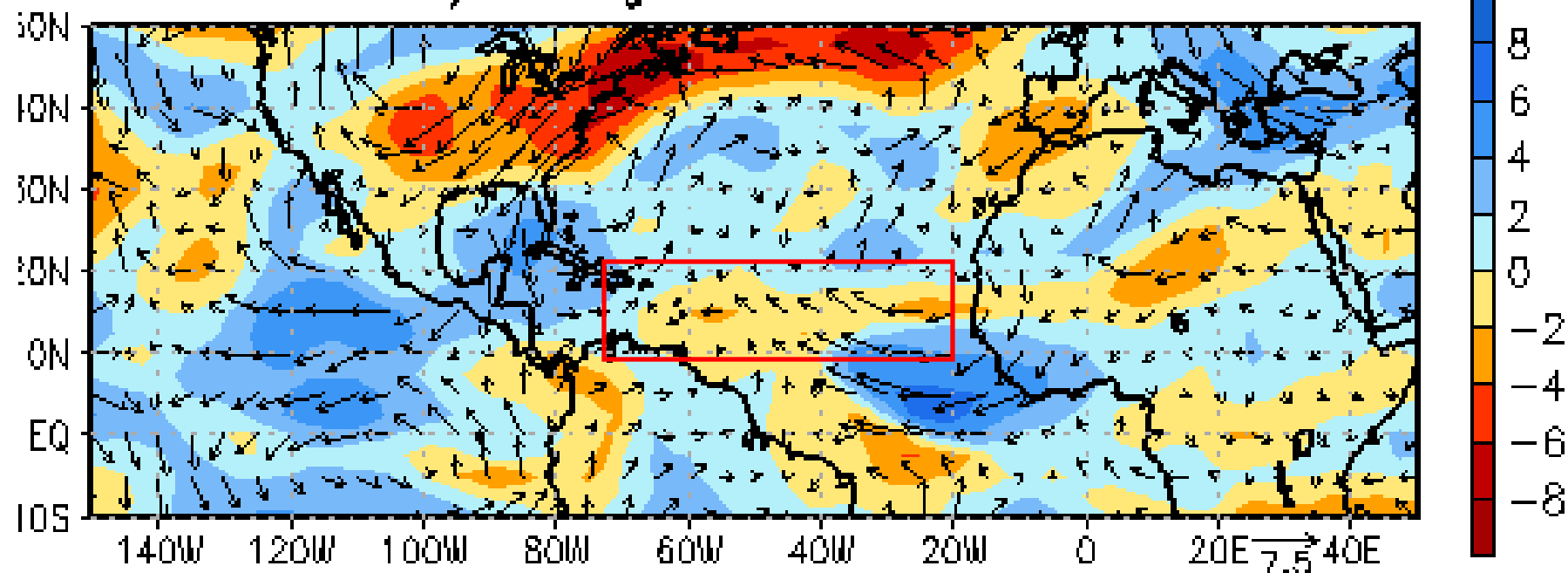


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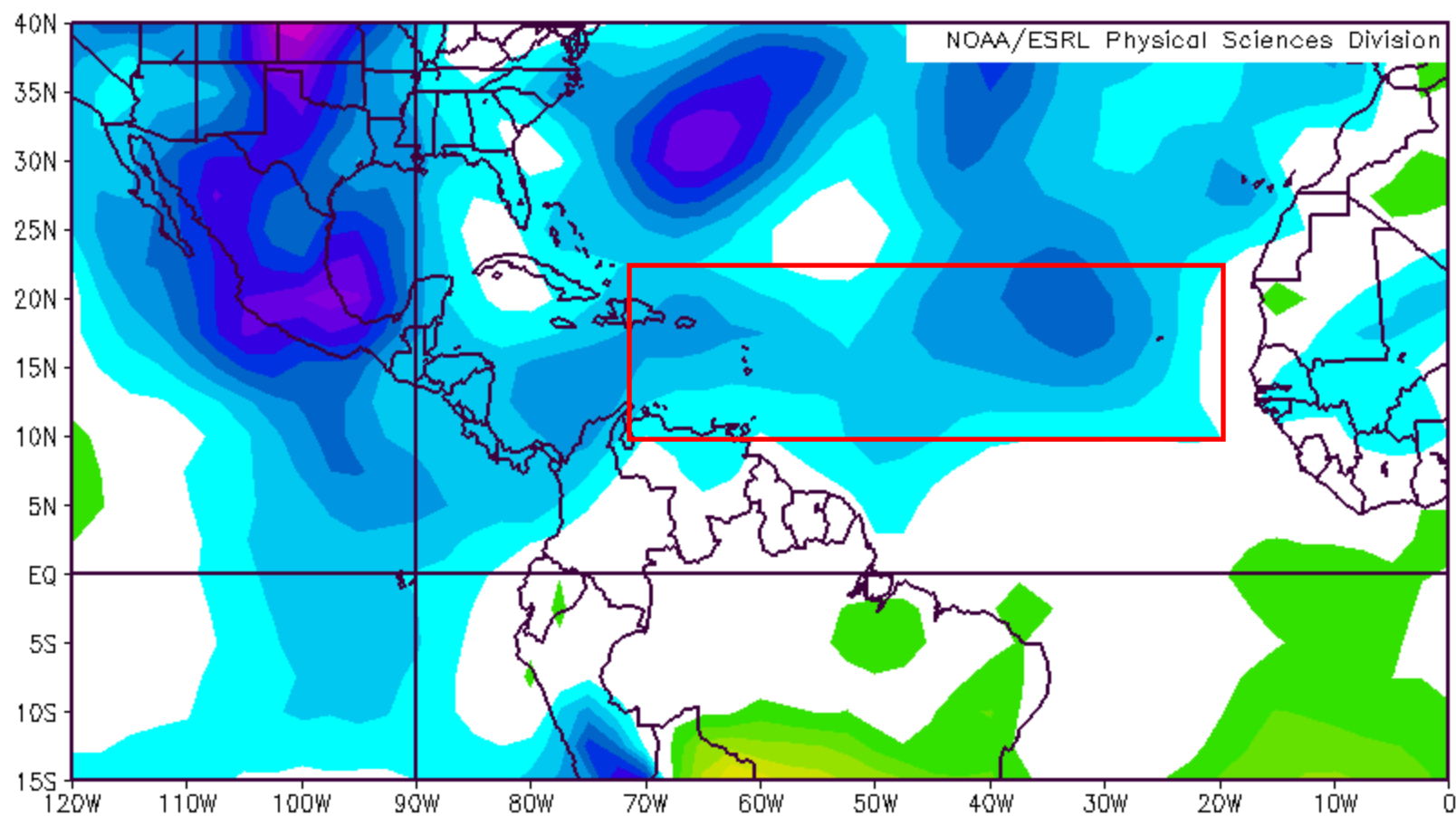
200–850 hPa Anomalous Vertical Wind Shear Magnitude and Vector

60-Day Average 17 AUG–15 OCT 2013



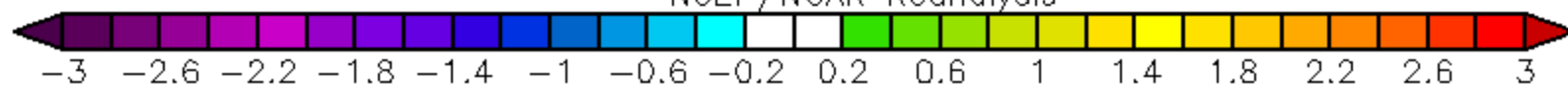
200–850 hPa Vertical wind shear magnitude (shading, m s^{-1}) and vector: 60-Day average. (Top) Total and (Bottom) Anomalies. Vector scales are below plots. Anomalies are departures from the 1981–2010 period monthly means.

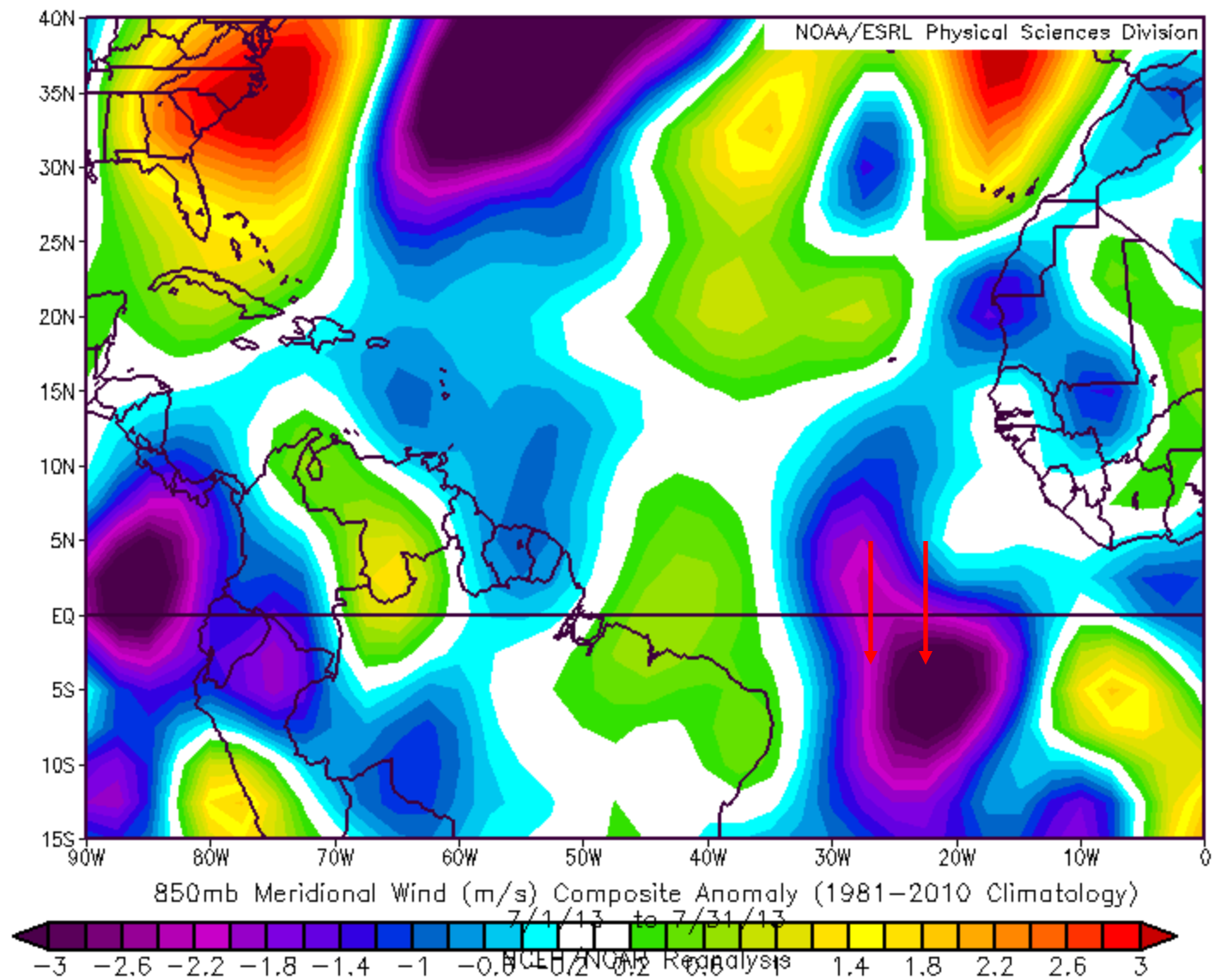
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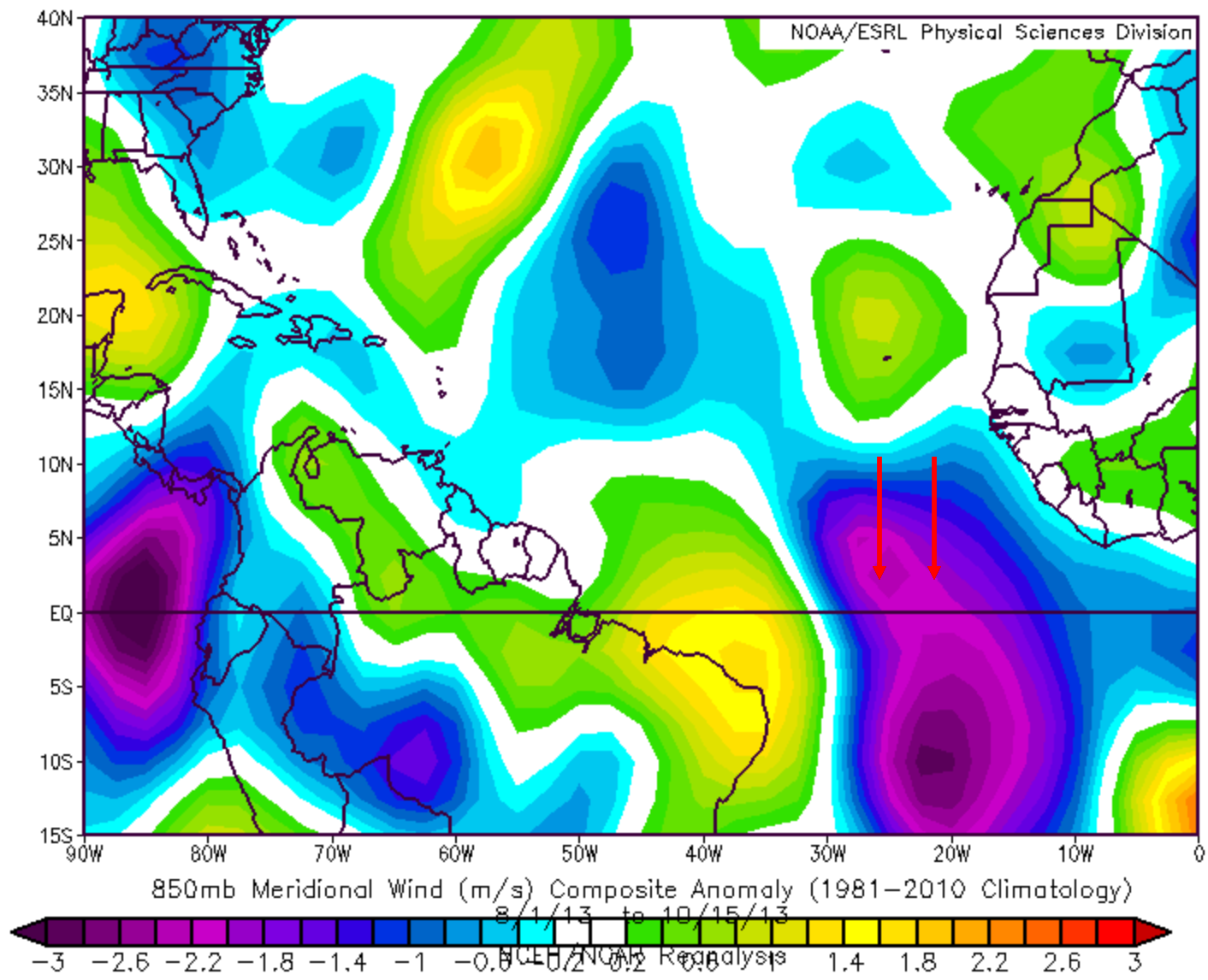


Sea Level Pressure (mb) Composite Anomaly (1981-2010 Climatology)
8/15/13 to 10/15/13

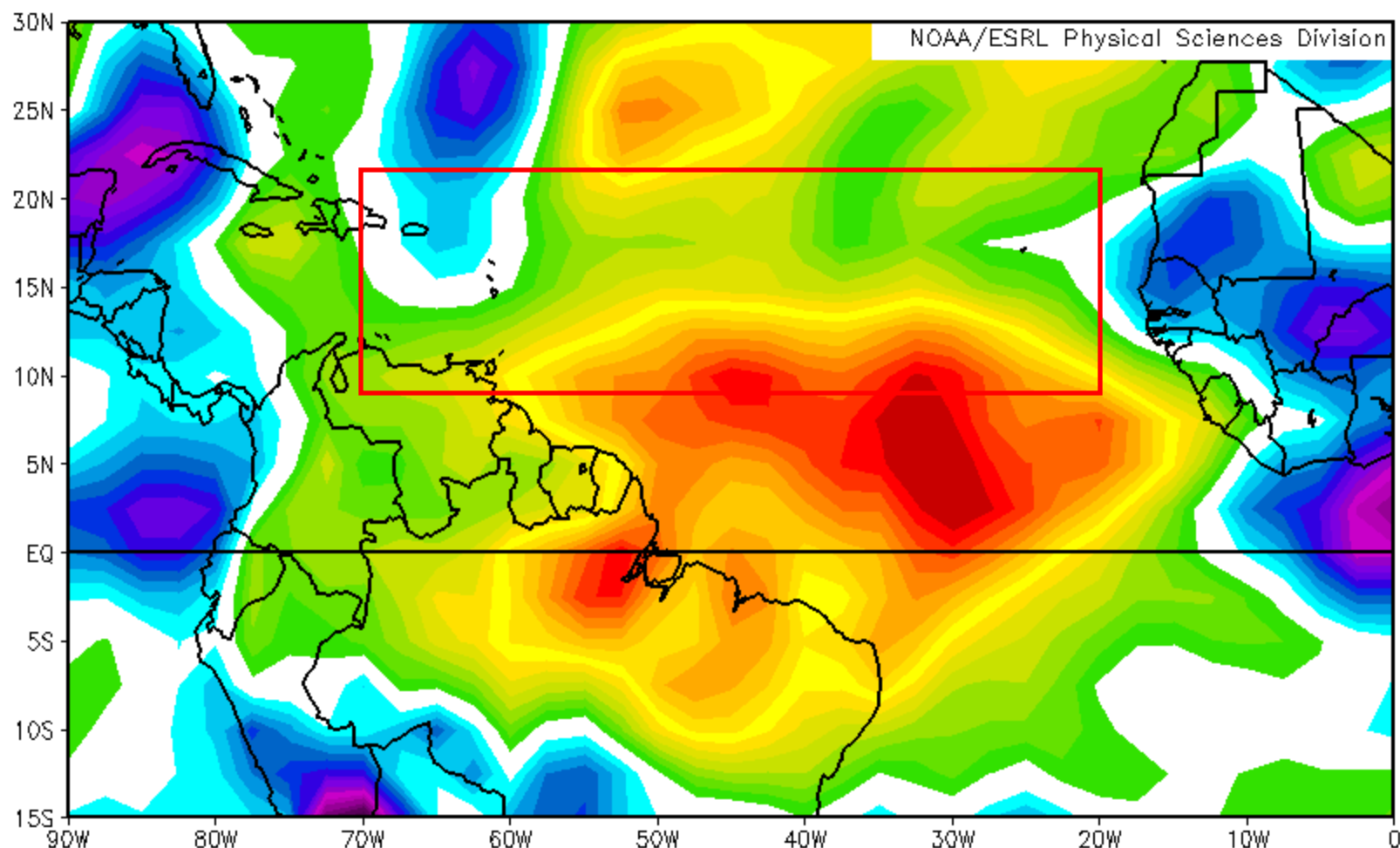
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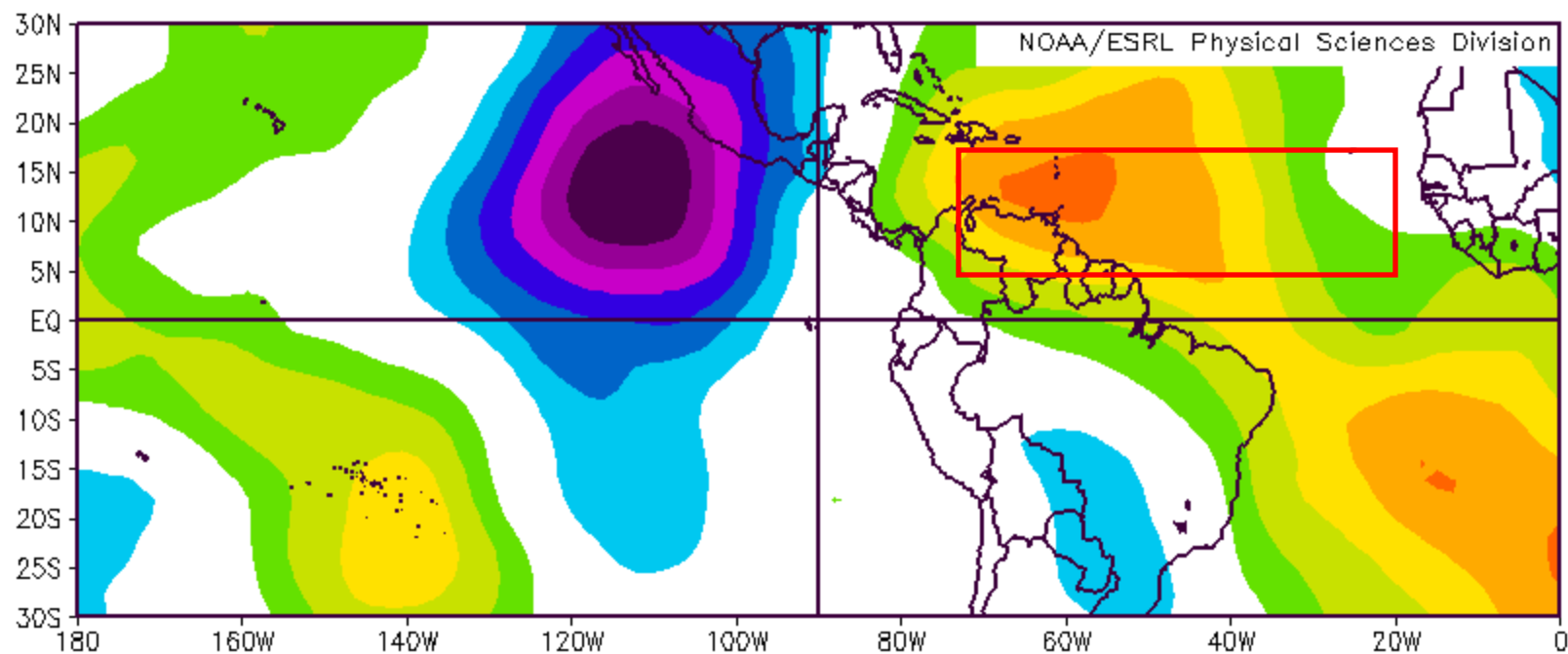
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500mb Relative Humidity (%) Composite Anomaly (1981-2010 Climatology)
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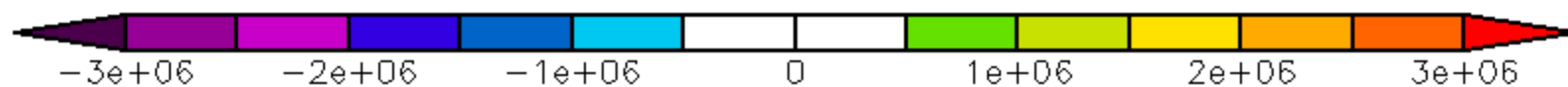
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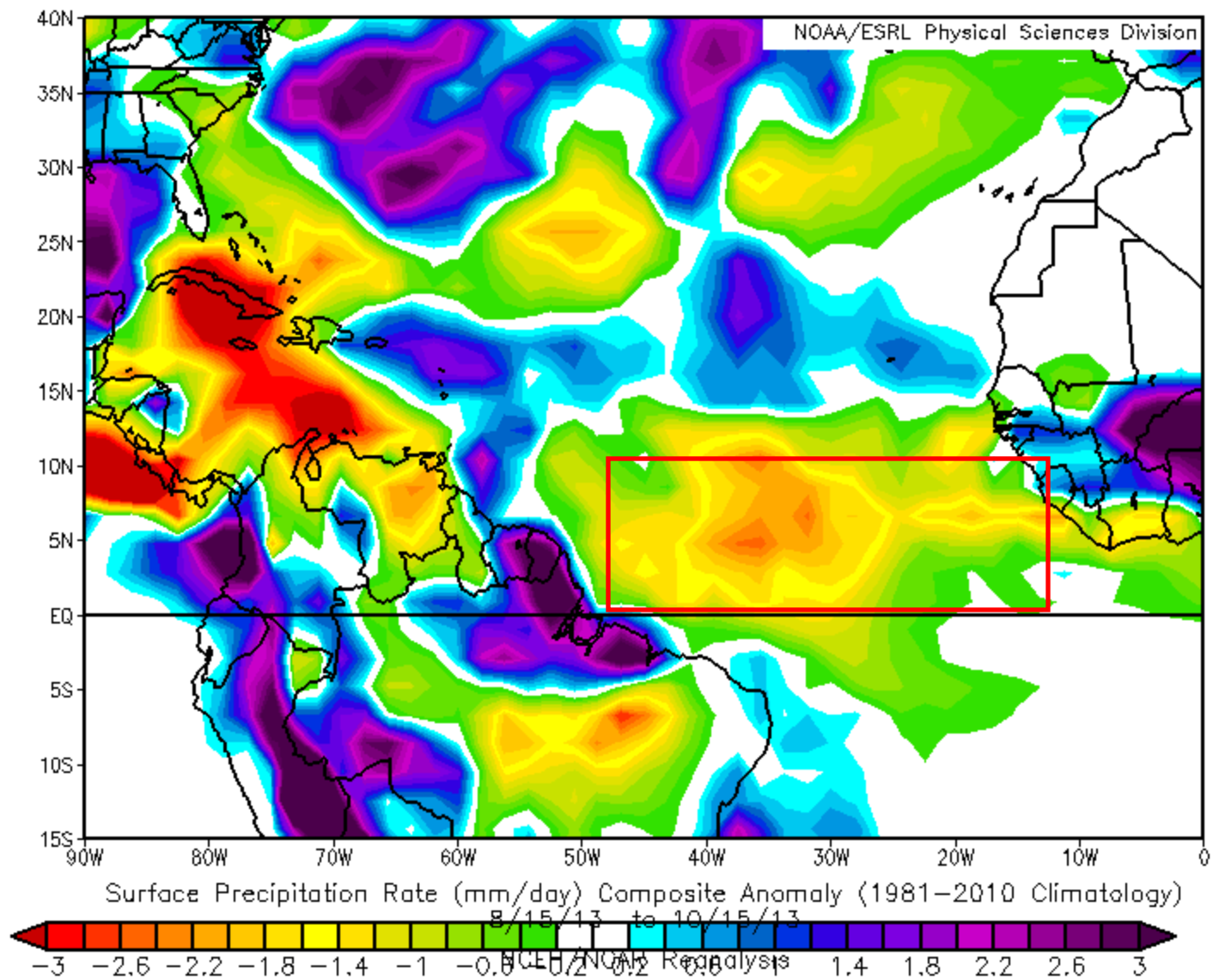




.2101 sigma Velocity Potential Composite Anomaly (1968–1996 Climatology)
8/15/13 to 10/15/13

NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis







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AFTER-THE-FACT RECONSTRUCTION OF WHAT WENT WRONG
WITH THEIR FORECASTS. THIS WILL HOPEFULLY LEAD TO
IMPROVEMENT OF FUTURE FORECASTS.**

Arago's Admonition:

“Never, no matter what may be the progress of science, will honest scientific men who have regard for their reputations venture to predict the weather.”